



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

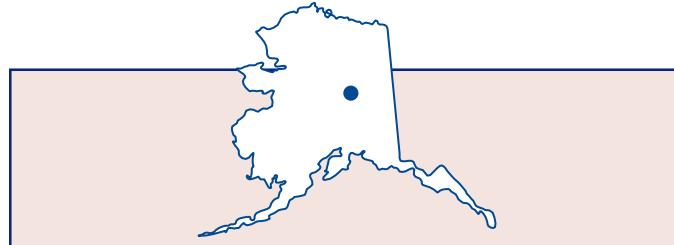
## Fairbanks North Star Borough, AK

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Fairbanks North Star Borough was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Within the borough (population 85,978), the target area includes a former Fairbanks City landfill that has impeded development opportunities on what should be prime real estate along the Chena River. One of Fairbanks' most economically depressed neighborhoods lies directly south and east of the site. Unemployment in this target area is 7.4 percent, and the percentage of American Indian and Alaskan Native people is 15.5 percent. The city landfill, which was unregulated from 1951 to 1965, was filled primarily with municipal refuse, scrap metal, junk automobiles, scrap lumber, and household goods. In the late 1960s, one-third of the site was developed



### Assessment Grant

New  
2005

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Fairbanks North Star Borough for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and II site assessments and prepare a corrective action plan for the former Fairbanks City landfill located at 1980 Second Avenue.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth>, click on "Superfund", scroll down and click on "Brownfields"

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

into baseball fields with a pedestrian pathway paralleling the river. In 2004, a portion of the site was paved as a parking lot, leaving the remainder of the site undeveloped. Erosion along the Chena River has resulted in some buried waste at the landfill being exposed, including appliances, construction waste, and automobile parts. The borough plans to redevelop the property into a mixed-use development of commercial, residential, office, and sports facilities, with an adjacent site being developed into a fish hatchery.